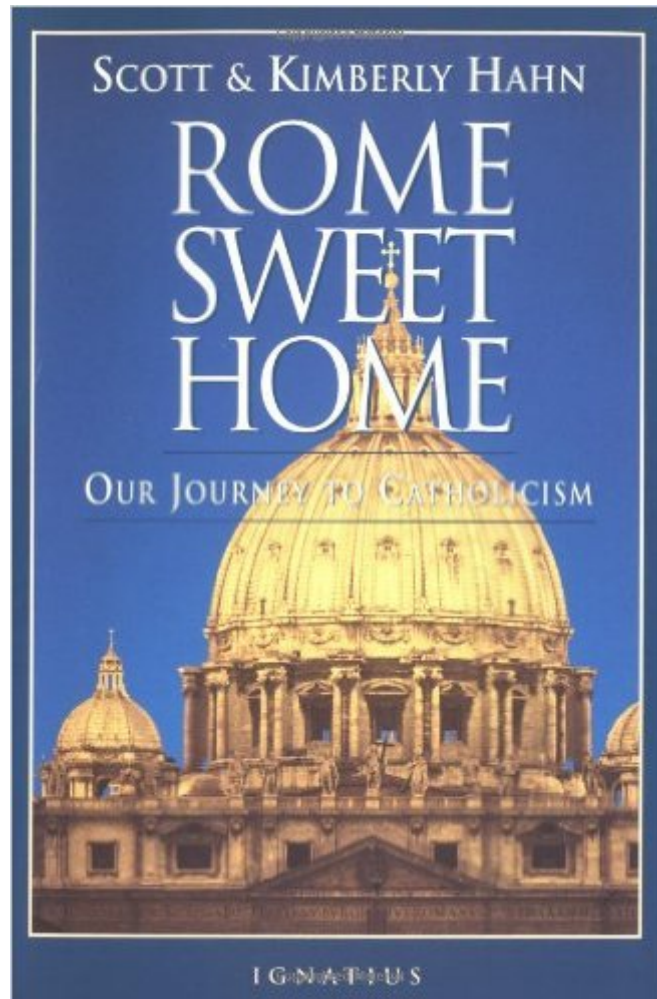


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Rome Sweet Home: Our Journey To Catholicism



Synopsis

The well-known and very popular Catholic couple, Scott and Kimberly Hahn, have been constantly travelling and speaking all over North America for the last few years about their conversion to the Catholic Church. Now these two outstanding Catholic apologists tell in their own words about the incredible spiritual journey that led them to embrace Catholicism. Scott Hahn was a Presbyterian minister, the top student in his seminary class, a brilliant Scripture scholar, and militantly anti-Catholic ... until he reluctantly began to discover that his "enemy" had all the right answers. Kimberly, also a top-notch theology student in the seminary, is the daughter of a well-known Protestant minister, and went through a tremendous "dark night of the soul" after Scott converted to Catholicism. Their conversion story and love for the Church has captured the hearts and minds of thousands of lukewarm Catholics and brought them back into an active participation in the Church. They have also influenced countless conversions to Catholicism among their friends and others who have heard their powerful testimony. Written with simplicity, charity, grace and wit, the Hahns' deep love and knowledge of Christ and of Scripture is evident and contagious throughout their story. Their love of truth and of neighbor is equally evident, and their theological focus on the great importance of the family, both biological and spiritual, will be a source of inspiration for all readers.

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Customer Reviews

I cannot say enough good about this book or the Hahns! As a self described "generic Christian" for many years, I found this book amazingly readable and very fair. Scott has definitely done his research. Although this book was not intended to dispel all the myths about the Catholic faith, it did

answer a lot of my questions. I read all the reviews and was pleased to note that there were very few criticisms. Those that disagreed by claiming that his conversion was "intellectual" and not spiritual or that "he never really understood the reformed faith" are missing the point. If you study the subject with an open mind and heart, you can't escape how much sense the Catholic faith makes! I think part of the reason that these critics are so nasty and defensive is the fact that they are not only having to defend their position against the Catholic church, but also against the other 25,000 different Protestant denominations. No wonder they feel insecure! On a personal note to ALL Christians: Keep an open mind and heart and study your faith objectively and know WHY you believe what you believe! Too many Christians, Catholic AND Protestants are just "going through the motions" and do not fully understand their faith. I recently made the decision to convert to the Catholic Church and it wasn't a decision made lightly. I am continuing to study so that I can not only grow stronger in my convictions, but to be able to defend my faith. I highly recommend this book to cradle Catholics as well as recent converts or anyone who has even a passing interest in the faith. God Bless you all!

Although I'm not a Roman Catholic, I am a reasonable person and a devout Bible-believing Christian, capable of recognizing an airtight biblical case for Catholicism. That's exactly what I found in Rome Sweet Home. For the first time, I also now recognize something else that's even more disturbing, and that is, how foolish I've been in attacking the faith of Roman Catholics with the same kind of blind arrogance exhibited by Pastor Whalen in his review (see below). We need to be honest with ourselves, as Bible Christians, and admit that we have never been able to take Catholics seriously as fellow-believers, mostly because we have never allowed ourselves to be exposed to a sustained presentation of the biblical basis for Catholic beliefs, like Hahn does in Rome Sweet Home. No wonder Pastor Whalen admits to feeling "overwhelmed" and "sick to my stomach". Humble pie has a way of doing that.

I lost count of how many people recommended that I read "Rome Sweet Home". Frankly, I didn't want to. Call it stubborn pride, whatever. Anyway, I finally broke down and read it this past summer. Since then I've re-read it four more times. Now I see why so many people recommended it. This book is truly amazing. The Hahns use their own journey to show how their commitment to Jesus Christ and the Bible is what ultimately led them down an entirely unforeseeable path towards Rome. Out of obedience, they became Catholic AND evangelical. Now I find myself in the same situation. After intense study and prayer, I will be received into the Catholic Church tomorrow night. My former

pastor now tells me he's even thinking about becoming Catholic himself, and that's after spending the last two years trying to persuade me not to. Thank you Scott and Kimberly Hahn, from the bottom of my heart. But most of all, thank you Lord.

Prejudice runs deep. I know for I have spent years unlearning things I "knew" for more than thirty years. A non-Catholic myself, I actually became fearful before completing this book that Scott Hahn was going to persuade me I HAD to become Catholic if I was going to approach my faith with intellectual honesty while taking the Bible seriously (issues of great importance to me). The arguments are presented with simple clarity and Biblical authority that rings true. They are arguments that conflicted with my prejudices, but not with Biblical teaching. Perhaps stronger even than the logic, however, is the reality that Hahn fought against that logic every step of the way. Coming from a non-Catholic background himself, and steeped in anti-Catholic teaching, in-depth study drew him against his intense resistance, to embrace the Catholic faith. This is a brilliant book, very dangerous to deep rooted prejudice, but giving a wealth of insight into the Biblical foundation of key Catholic beliefs and traditions. It is invaluable for Catholic and non-Catholic alike. I highly recommend it to anyone wishing to understand the teachings of the Catholic church, from either inside or outside. I will also give fair warning to those who cherish a strong anti-Catholic bias -- this is a dangerous book to read if you are intent on holding onto that bias. My respect for Catholic Brothers and Sisters has multiplied greatly, this book being a catalyst in the process. I don't know how to pay higher tribute to an author than to say "Thank you for helping me see old things with new eyes." My understanding of my own faith, and the many core beliefs we share is deeper and richer today because of this book.

My husband and I are 76 and 70 and have been strong "Bible" Christian believers and teachers. For the last 33 years we have been very active in Church and in the best Protestant Christian Bible Studies in national and international classes. We are becoming Catholic with NO RESERVATIONS! Something we never thought could or would happen to us. This book will open your mind to TRUTHS you have never seen before. My beautiful Christian husband read this book non-stop, came in the room, closed the book, put it down beside me, looked at me with his eyes brimming with tears and said, "They are right!" Simple as that. I give this book to others but I tell them, "Pray because it will change your life!" You next need your Bible, Keatings books, and a Catechism. Get ready for a new but very exciting and blessed life. You will fall in love with Jesus all over again. The Catholic Church will become your Rome Sweet Home! See you in heaven. Terry

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